3. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to Claim 1 [or 2 characterized in that] wherein the strips [(2')] are inserted at least partially into retaining slots [(9; 9')] of the end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)] that are [preferably] located wedgewise relative to one another.

4. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims] Claim 1 [to 3 characterized in that] wherein each end of the panel [ends (2') are] is split into superimposed strips of approximately equal thickness.

5. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims 1 to 4 characterized in that] Claim 3 wherein said retaining slots [(9)] of the end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)] have a rough or corrugated surface.

6. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims 1 to 5 characterized in that] Claim 3 wherein bores [(10) located] oriented transversely to the surface of the panel are located in the end element [(3)] in the vicinity of said retaining slots [(9)].

7. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims 1 to 6 characterized in that] Claim 1 wherein the end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)] is a parallelepiped made of metal or plastic.

8. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims 1 to 7 characterized in that] Claim 1 wherein the end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)] in the vicinity of the outlet of the [CFK] carbon panel [(2)] has reinforcing devices [(11), preferably threaded bolts,] located transversely to [the] an outlet direction.

9. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims 1 to 8 characterized in that] Claim 1 wherein the end

element [(3, 4; 12, 13)] has a force-introduction point[, preferably a threaded bore (12)] opposite the outlet of the [CFK] carbon panel.

10. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to [one of Claims 1 to 9 characterized in that] Claim 3 wherein the retaining slots [(9)] are located wedgewise in the end element [(3, 4; 12, 13) in] such [fashion] that [the] a lowest retaining slot [(9')] is parallel to the outlet direction of the carbon panel [(2)] and each of the other retaining slots [(9) are each] is located fanwise with an increasing angle from the outlet opening.

11. (Amended) Method for reinforcing supporting elements [(1)] with reinforcing devices [according to one of Claims 1 to 10 characterized in that the CFK] comprising:

cutting carbon panels [(2) cut] to [the] an appropriate length [are separated or split],

separating or splitting each panel at at least one end into at least two strips [(2')] of approximately the same thickness or width [and are brought],

bringing the at least one end into a connection with an end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)], and [this]

gluing the arrangement [is glued] to [the] a tension side of [the] a supporting element [(1)] to be reinforced.

12. (Amended) Method according to Claim 11 [characterized in that] wherein the strips [(2')] of [CFK panel (2)] approximately the same thickness or width are introduced into separate retaining slots [(9, 9')] of [an] the end element [(3, 4; 12, 13) preferably] which are arranged fanwise with respect to one another and glued [there] in place or soaked with an adhesive.

13. (Amended) Method according to Claim 11 [or 12 characterized in that] wherein each of the ends of the [CFK